

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the application in condition for allowance. The applicant would first like to thank Examiner Hayes for courtesies extended to John Pokotylo during a telephone interview on June 8, 2005 (referred to as "the telephone interview").

In the communication, the Examiner indicated that claims 27, 38-40 and 42, found to be allowable over the art of record by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("the Board"), are in improper form since each depends from a rejected claim. The Examiner instructed the applicant to rewrite these claims in independent form to put them into condition for allowance. The applicants have rewritten these claims in independent form.

During the telephone interview, John Pokotylo noted that the Board found claims 40 and 42 allowable over the cited art because they recite that the follower terminal is configured such that at least one of downloading applets is disabled and execution of applets is disabled. (See, e.g., Appeal No. 2005-0066, pages 18-21.) However, in its discussion of claims 11 and 20, the Board did not give this same feature patentable weight because it was recited in the preamble. John Pokotylo requested that the applicant be permitted to amend claims 11 and 20 to recite this feature in the body of the claim since doing so would also put these claims into condition for allowance for the reasons provided by the Board in its discussion of claims 40 and 42. Examiner Hayes agreed to such an amendment. Accordingly, claims 11 and 20 have been amended to recite the patentable feature in the body of the claim. Since claims 12 and 33-37 depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 11, they are also in condition for allowance and have been maintained. Since each of claims 21 and 22 depends from claim 20, these claims are also in condition for allowance and have been maintained.

During the telephone interview, John Pokotylo also noted that independent claim 13 and claim 41 include the feature found to be allowable by the Board and requested that


the applicant be permitted to (i) maintain claim 13 (and dependent claim 14), and (ii) rewrite claim 41 in independent form. Examiner Hayes agreed to this request. Accordingly, claim 13 and claim 14, which depends from claim 13, have been maintained. Further, claim 41 has been rewritten in independent form.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, the applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicant requests that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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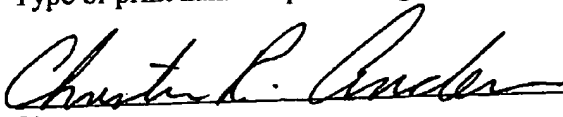

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